
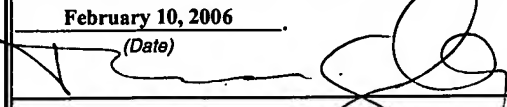
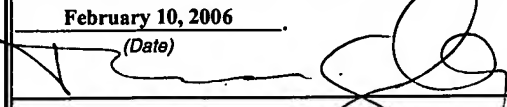
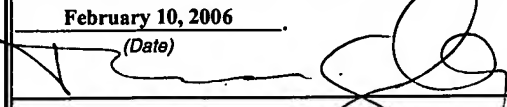


<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b> (General - Patent Pending)				Docket No. 17296		
In Re Application Of: Tomoya Takahashi						
Application No. 10/726,937	Filing Date December 3, 2003	Examiner John P. Leubecker	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3739	Confirmation No. 5378	
Title: ADJUSTING METHOD FOR ENDOSCOPE SYSTEMS						
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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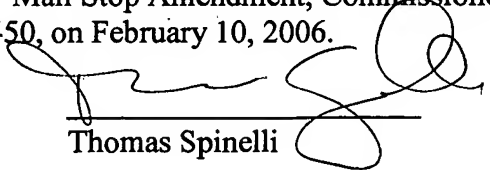
Pursuant to the restriction requirement imposed in the Official Action dated January 17, 2006, Applicant elects the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-6 and 12-22, for continued prosecution herein.

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Claims 1-22 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

Group I, Claims 1-6 and 12-22, drawn to a method and apparatus, classified in class 348, subclass 69;

Group II, Claim 7, drawn to a method, classified in class 348, subclass 70; and

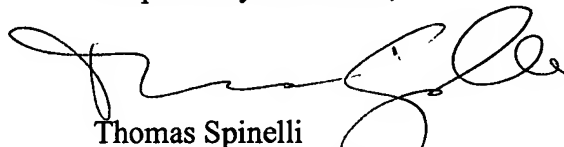
Group III, Claims 8-11, drawn to a method, classified in class 600, subclass 180.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I, II, and III are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-6 and 12-22. However, Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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